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Governor's Citizen Corps Council Meeting Summary Clarion Suites – Madison January 26, 2006

An Executive sub-committee meeting was held from 9:00 – 11:00A.

The general Council meeting was called to order by Chairman McReynolds at 11:00A.M.

In attendance: Mike J, Mike K, Bill, Jennifer, Roger, Terry, Terri, Brian O, Marcia, and Keith. Neil had called and indicated that he would not make it.

It was determined that attendance did not meet quorum requirements.

Bill initiated a motion to accept the meeting notes from the previous meeting. Meeting notes were accepted.

Updates by Michael Jordan.

American Red Cross and CERT: OJA and the American Red Cross (Badger, Milwaukee chapters) are exploring the possibility of ARC assuming responsibility for operations and management of the CERT program. Concerns were raised about ARC having greater access to community volunteers by way of CERT coordination. Other groups, such as the Salvation Army, would not have similar access to recruit CERT trainees.

Michael Jordan clarified that the American Red Cross will only be providing management and operational support in regards to the delivery of CERT classes. Responsibility for volunteer recruitment and class scheduling will remain a local CC program activity. Additional discussion focused on the process of awarding a grant to ARC for this service and whether a more competitive process might be better. OJA is currently awaiting a proposal from the Badger chapter. Chairman McReynolds will meet with OJA to discuss further.

Marketing and Promotions: Marcia Kasieta, OJA's Strategic Planning Coordinator, was introduced. Marcia will be helping the Council's marketing committee promote CC programs and build interest in local councils. McGlinchey & Associates' contract with OJA expired on December 30, 2005.

Funding: All 2005 funds have been awarded and recipients are beginning to draw on their awards. 2006 funding will not become available until at least August due to changes in the federal award process.

New Programs: Oneida/Vilas, Shawano, Portage, St. Croix, Eau Clare, Trempeleau/Vernon Counties have all expressed interest in developing local Citizen Corps Councils in 2006.

State Citizen Corps Council Conference has been rescheduled. Tentative dates are June 14-15.

Lunch Presentation and Discussion: Michael Kunesh – the role of the State CC Council. Council members present agreed that attendance at meetings is critical. Chairman McReynolds will review past attendance by current Council members and make contact to discuss their continuation and greater participation. The Chairman will also meet with OJA Executive Director to discuss how the Council can serve in a more meaningful way.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM

Next meeting in Stevens Point on March 23rd. Specific location to be determined.